



City news,
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This Week in Huntsville

April 29,
2015

Big Weekend Coming Up

Airing of the Quilts, GSH Folk Festival, Cinco de Mayo, & more!

There is possibly no better time than the first weekend in May to enjoy Huntsville, from the Courthouse Square to the Sam Houston Memorial Museum. Food, music, history, craft, dance and more await you, don't miss a minute!

Huntsville Music Festival - Grand Finale

Rainy days are over! After canceling two shows this month, the Huntsville Music Festival will be back in action for one final night. Featuring four bands, a delicious Cajun food truck from Houston, free door prizes, and the raffle drawing all have been waiting for. The concert will run from 4-10 p.m. on Thursday, April 30 at Rather Park.

Colton Houston, Main Street Intern, notes "there's a great amount of anticipation for the music festival's grand finale, we hope to have the biggest crowd to date. A New Orleans jazz band, one of the four bands scheduled, will be performing. I am honored to have them come to town and share their culture with us." (See page 5 for more information.)

General Sam Houston Folk Festival

Step back in time to enjoy a variety of historical and cultural experiences this weekend. The Sam Houston Memorial Museum's fifteen-acre grounds will be transformed from a peaceful setting into a bustling frontier settlement where you can watch re-enactments, listen to music, and shop for crafts, or simply stroll the setting where Sam and Margaret Houston lived and their children played. Supported in part by funding from the City of Huntsville. May 1-3, see the Festival's facebook page for more details.

Airing of the Quilts

Start this Saturday morning off by celebrating the 12th Bi-Annual "Airing of the Quilts" in Huntsville's Historic Downtown Square. Carrying on an old tradition of springtime quilt airing, this event is hosted by the Tall Pines Quilt Guild, and will be from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. Supported in part by funding from the City of Huntsville. New this year is transportation between the Airing and the Folk Festival that will run throughout the day.

Cinco de Mayo

After viewing the quilts, head on over to the Walker County Annex parking lot for a festive Cinco de Mayo Celebration. Featuring live performances by the Sam Houston State University Ballet Folklorico dancers, traditional arts and crafts, games, and many more family fun events. Supported in part by funding from the City of Huntsville. Held from 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 2. (See the last page of this issue for details.)

Movie in the Park

Join Recreation Services at Kate Barr Ross Park (State Highway 75 North) on Saturday, May 2, at 8:00 p.m. (or dark), for an outdoor movie! Invite the whole family to watch *Big Hero 6*. Bring blankets or chairs for seating - snacks will be available on a first-come-first-serve basis, prices vary. No alcohol or glass bottles will be allowed in the park.

"There is no better way to welcome the warm weather with a cool night's breeze than to watch a movie under the stars at Kate Barr Ross Park with your family and friends," said Natalie Reid, in the City's Recreation Services Division, of the event.



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Key Ceremony for Happy Homeowner!



Ms. Pinkey Harrison is a new homeowner and happy about it. On April 9th, Harrison was welcomed home by Mayor Woodward and Councilmembers Allen, Brauning, Emmett, and Rodriguez.

After her previous home was extensively damaged during Hurricane Ike, she became eligible for the Homeowner Opportunity Program (HOP),

a disaster recovery program through which qualifying participants may elect to repair their existing homes or relocate.

The program enabled Ms. Harrison to move into a rehabilitated home, and her old property is being donated to Habitat for Humanity. The City of Huntsville congratulates Harrison on her new home!



Pinkey Harrison steps into her new home

National Library Week



Councilmember Humphrey reading at Story Time

On April 15, 2015, the City of Huntsville proclaimed National Library Week - encouraging all citizens to take advantage of the opportunities that libraries offer.

As stated in the proclamation, libraries create potential and possibility within the community, effect social change through their commitment to provide equitable access to information for all library users, and open up a world of new resources for individuals throughout.

National Library Week supports more than the resources made available for use, it also supports librarians and patrons of the public libraries within the community. Councilmember Tish Humphrey had the honor of not only presenting the proclamation, but also reading a short story to the children of Huntsville.

"Being a part of National Library Week was beyond inspiring," said Humphrey. "We have an amazing library here in Huntsville and it's great to see that so many young children and adults are utilizing their resources and taking advantage of learning opportunities."



Intern Constance Gabel with
Wynne Home Coordinator Linda Pease

Constance Gabel

Spring Intern at the Wynne Home Arts Center



Constance took the lead in hosting an Easter
Egg Hunt at the Wynne Home Arts Center

Intern at the City!

Title: Wynne Home Arts Center Intern

Time employed with City of Huntsville: Three months

Education: Junior – Bachelor of Arts - Political Science -
Sam Houston State University

Job description: To implement a variety of classes and activities for the Wynne Home Art Center for which she must promote to the public, create a timeline/class schedule, and monitor the operations. Gabel must also become familiar with the responsibilities and duties of the organization; take the lead for one special event; develop promotional deliverables for all art classes, and complete a report on the internship.

Unique contribution to City of Huntsville: “Working with the city has opened my eyes. I’ve gained skills in time management and taking the initiative to get things done. I have learned more about the City budget and how the City works overall. With Huntsville being such a small town, it gives you a better opportunity to get involved and feel important. I love Huntsville and all that it has to offer!”

Certifications/Memberships/Activities: Constance is Vice President of Marketing in a Sam Houston State University funded organization, The Center for Law, Engagement and Politics (LEAP), and has been involved for almost two years. She is responsible for marketing events through social media/blogs; as well as publicizing those events to SHSU.

As stated on its website, the Center for Law, Engagement, and Politics (LEAP) offers learning opportunities related to the fine arts, history, civil rights, literature and, in particular, law, engagement, and politics. Its mission is to enrich students' academic education through various educational opportunities.

“I have grown tremendously throughout my involvement with LEAP. Learning to better serve the community, how to be professional in the workplace and among my peers, networking with elected officials both locally and nationally, and being confident in all that I do has driven me to set and accomplish my goals,” stated Gabel.

Colleague perspectives: “I don’t know what I would do without Constance! She has been a wonderful addition to the Wynne Home in conducting her primary assignments as well as helping fill the administrative assistant duties when we were without one. She jumped right in and did what needed to be done to make things run smoothly.” – Linda Pease, Wynne Home Coordinator

Boys & Girls Club Groundbreaking Ceremony

On April 9th, the City of Huntsville and the Boys & Girls Club of Walker County (BGCWC) held a groundbreaking ceremony dedicated to a new Tornado Safe Room.

"The Tornado Safe room will be used to keep citizens safe in a severe weather event. When not in use for safety purposes, the Boys and Girls Club will have access to the building," stated Dr. Sherry McKibben, City of Huntsville Neighborhood Resources Director, who has worked extensively on the project.

Grants from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and local fund raising has gotten the facility on track, but help is still needed and the BGCWC is accepting donations. Construction of the 12,076 sq. ft. building is set to begin around July and be completed within twelve months of the start date.



ATO Flag Change at Sam Houston's Grave



On April 13, the Zeta Mu Chapter of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity hosted its annual Flag Ceremony at Oakwood Cemetery to honor the life of Sam Houston.

Each year, members invite local officials to present on the meaning of Sam Houston and his life and accomplishments. This year ATO alumnus Mayor Mac Woodward joined Walker County Judge Danny Pierce to speak.

The Chapter provides new United States and Texas flags to be flown at the gravesite for the next year. The event is free and open to the public.

E-Recycling/Household Hazardous Waste Day

On April 11, 2015, the City of Huntsville Solid Waste and Recycling Services Division hosted the 8th Annual Electronics Recycling Day and the first Household Hazardous Waste Day. The event allowed individuals to bring salvaged electronics and hazardous materials for recycling.

With the help of many volunteers, over 340 vehicles dropped off electronics and household hazardous waste items totaling 15,977 pounds.

Esther Herlotz, Superintendent of Solid Waste and Recycling, extended special thanks to volunteers from the Walker County Master Gardeners Association, Try 2 Recycle, and the Walker County Jail's Community Supervision and Corrections Department, who assisted with traffic control, vehicle counts, environmental handouts, and unloading of vehicles.

She also thanked Stericycle and their great team of workers for setting up a safe hazardous collection area, and Technocycle of Houston for their fifth year of fully supporting the City's Electronics Recycling event.



4 BANDS | NIGHT

THURSDAY APRIL 30TH 4pm - 10pm



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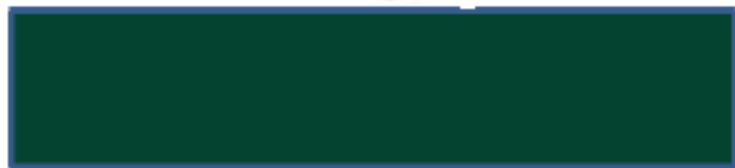
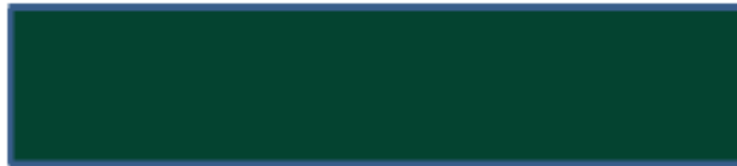
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Get a Flag!



Citizens across the community are stepping up to share the good news in our school district, and demonstrate their support for our kids, teachers, and administrative staff. You can join them by donating for Hornet Pride flags flown around the Square and downtown (to assist with flags, poles, and supplies), or by purchasing flags to fly at home or your business on football game days, or any time! It's a simple way to stand together and let the Hornets know we're all pulling for them!



I'm going to help fill the downtown with Hornet Spirit! \$35 or more _____

I want to join the Swarm at home & work with extra flags! \$25 X _____

(For each \$25 flag, note whether you need side pocket or grommets, please!)

Total: \$ _____

Donated by: _____

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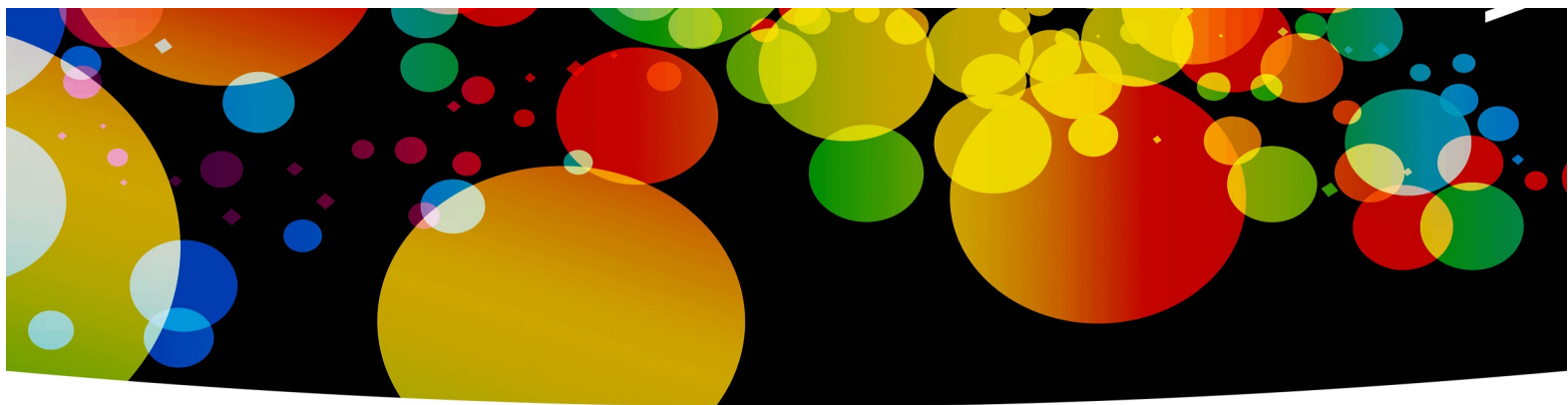
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If you prefer to donate by mail, please send to:

Hornet Flag Project
c/o Chamber of Commerce
Post Office Box 538
Huntsville, TX 77342

For information or to pay by credit card: 936-291-8113





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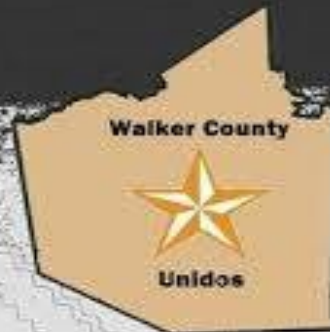
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SATURDAY MAY 2, 2015

A graphic for Cinco de Mayo featuring the text "CINCO DE MAYO" in large, bold, black letters with white outlines. The text is surrounded by colorful splashes of yellow, green, and red, along with images of a lime slice, a sombrero, and a maraca.

CINCO DE MAYO

FEATURING THE BEST

**CHIKAWA DANCERS - BALLET FOLKLORICO - FOOD VENDORS
CRAFT VENDORS - CHILDREN ACTIVITIES**

10:00 AM TIL 6:00 PM

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